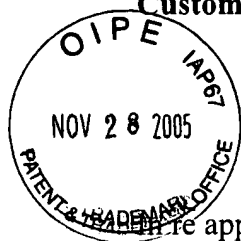


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In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.